

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4546, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. FARR OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title X (page 218, after line 15), insert
the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **ENHANCED AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN FOREIGN**
2 **LANGUAGE SERVICES DURING PERIODS OF**
3 **EMERGENCY.**

4 (a) NATIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS REG-
5 ISTRY.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may establish and
6 maintain a secure data registry to be known as the “Na-
7 tional Foreign Language Skills Registry”. The data reg-
8 istry shall consist of the names of, and other pertinent
9 information on, linguistically qualified United States citi-
10 zens and permanent resident aliens who state that they
11 are willing to provide linguistic services in times of emer-
12 gency designated by the Secretary of Defense to assist the
13 Department of Defense and other Departments and agen-
14 cies of the United States with translation and interpreta-
15 tion in languages designated by the Secretary of Defense
16 as critical languages.

17 (2) The name of a person may be included in the
18 Registry only if the person expressly agrees for the per-
19 son’s name to be included in the Registry. Any such agree-



1 ment shall be made in such form and manner as may be
2 specified by the Secretary.

3 (b) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT VOLUNTARY TRANS-
4 LATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES.—Section
5 1588(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
6 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(6) Language translation and interpretation
8 services.”.

